

MATH 217 - W24 - LINEAR ALGEBRA
HOMEWORK 7, DUE Thursday, March 14 at 11:59pm

Submit Part A and Part B as two *separate* assignments in Gradescope as a **pdf file**. At the time of submission, Gradescope will prompt you to match each problem to the page(s) on which it appears. **You must match problems to pages in Gradescope so we know what page each problem appears on.** Failure to do so may result in not having the problem graded.

A few words about solution writing:

- Unless you are explicitly told otherwise for a particular problem, **you are always expected to show your work and to give justification for your answers.**
- Your solutions will be judged on precision and completeness and not merely on “basically getting it right”.
- Cite every theorem or fact from the book that you are using (e.g. “By Theorem 1.10 ...”).

Part A (15 points)

Solve the following problems from the book:

Section 4.3: 14, 28, 60

Section 5.1: 6, 17, 26

Part B (25 points)

Problem 1. Let W be an n -dimensional vector space with ordered bases \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} , and \mathcal{C} .

- (a) Prove that $S_{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}} = S_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}} S_{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}}$.
- (b) Show that $S_{\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}} S_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}} S_{\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}} = I_n$.

Problem 2. Let f_1, f_2, f_3 be the smooth functions defined by

$$f_1(x) = \sin 2x, f_2(x) = \cos 2x, f_3(x) = e^{3x}$$

and consider the subspace $V \subseteq C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ spanned by the basis $\mathcal{B} = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$. (You may assume without proof that these three functions are linearly independent.) Now consider the linear transformation $D : V \rightarrow V$ defined by differentiation, i.e. for any function $g \in V$, $D(g)(x) = \frac{dg}{dx}$.

- (a) Find $[D]_{\mathcal{B}}$.
- (b) Give a geometric interpretation of the matrix $[D]_{\mathcal{B}}$. That is, how does it act on \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Problem 3. Let V be a vector space with ordered bases $\mathcal{B} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ and $\mathcal{C} = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, with $B = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $C = [T]_{\mathcal{C}}$. Give a proof or counterexample for each of the following statements:

- (a) For all integers $k \geq 1$, B^k and C^k are similar.
- (b) $\ker(B) = \ker(C)$.
- (c) $\dim(\ker(B)) = \dim(\ker(C))$.

Problem 4. Let $T : U \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation between vector spaces U and W . Suppose that $\mathcal{B} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$ is a basis for the source U and $\mathcal{C} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d)$ is a basis for the target W . As usual, let $L_{\mathcal{B}}$ denote the coordinate isomorphism $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ and let $L_{\mathcal{C}}$ denote the coordinate isomorphism $W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$.

- (a) Show that there exists a linear transformation $T' : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $T' \circ L_{\mathcal{B}} = L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T$. [HINT: A diagram showing four vector spaces and four maps between them, similar to those immediately before and after Definition 4.3.1 in the textbook, might be useful.]
- (b) Let $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$ denote the standard matrix of the transformation T' you described in (a). Prove that for all $u \in U$,

$$[T(u)]_{\mathcal{C}} = [T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}[u]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

- (c) Describe, with explanation, the columns of matrix $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$ in terms of the bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} .

Problem 5. Let f_1, f_2, f_3 be the functions defined by

$$f_1(x) = \sin x, \quad f_2(x) = \cos x, \quad f_3(x) = e^x,$$

which you may assume without proof are linearly independent. Consider the subspace V of \mathcal{C}^∞ spanned by the set $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$. Recall from Calculus that every function in V may be expressed as a Taylor series that converges for all real numbers. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots, \\ \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots, \\ e^x &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots. \end{aligned}$$

Let $T : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3$ be the linear transformation that assigns to each function $f \in V$ the third-degree Taylor polynomial $f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3$ for f , a polynomial approximation to f .

- (a) Find a basis \mathcal{C} for \mathcal{P}_3 such that

$$[T(f_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, [T(f_2)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [T(f_3)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Let \mathcal{C} be as in (a), and let $\mathcal{B} = (f_1 + f_2, f_1 - f_2, f_3 + f_1)$. Find $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$ (see Problem 4).

Problem 6. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -30 \\ -30 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$ and let $V = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$.

- (a) Show that for all $\vec{v} \in V$, $A\vec{v} \in V$.
- (b) Find a basis for V^\perp , and show that for all $\vec{w} \in V^\perp$, $A\vec{w} \in V^\perp$.
- (c) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation defined by $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ for all $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Find a basis \mathcal{B} of \mathbb{R}^2 such that $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is diagonal, and write the matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ explicitly.
- (d) Calculate $[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{B}}$. [HINT: Leave numbers like 7^{13} in that form; do not attempt to multiply them out.]
- (e) Calculate $[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{E}}$. [HINT: Leave the entries as numerical expressions; do not attempt to simplify.]